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Docket No. 04110/100F080-US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Akihiko Nagai

Serial No: 09/881,574

Examiner: Robert H. Spitzer

Confirmation No.: 7320

Filed: June 14, 2001

Art Unit: 1724

For: VACUUM DEAERATION DEVICE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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